

HIGHBURY LANDFILL AUTHORITY

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GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

BOARD AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

BURNSIDE

Julia Grant
(Board Member)

NORWOOD, PAYNEHAM & ST PETERS

Cr Grant Piggott
(Board Member)

WALKERVILLE

James Kelly
(Board Member and Chair)

INDEPENDENT AND PRE-SIDING MEMBER AUDIT COMMITTEE

Corinne Garrett

Julia Grant as the new CEO of Burnside joined the Board and Audit and Risk Committee of the Highbury Landfill Authority (HLA) in January this year. TJH Management Services Pty Ltd gave notice that it would retire on 31 December 2025. The Board is in the final stages of recruiting a replacement manager for the Authority.

The Board of HLA authorized a submission to be prepared in response to the 10-20 Halls Road Highbury Code Amendment seeking to establish medium density housing immediately north of the HLA and adjoining Veolia landfill. The submission pointed out the significant risks of allowing residential development bordering two unlined landfills.

The Highbury Landfill is governed by the South Australian Environment Protection Authority (SA EPA) as a contaminated site covered by the Environment Protection Act 1993. The Authority has an ongoing environmental duty to manage the site and ensure that it has minimal impact on the surrounding environment. The site has remained stable and within an acceptable risk profile during the year.

The newly modified flare continued to work as expected flaring landfill gas to minimise risk of the landfill gas migrating off the site.

The accounting standards require HLA to estimate the future costs over an initial period



Re-vegetated Landfill

of at least 25 years as set out on the SA EPA guidelines. HLA has 10 years remaining of the initial post closure management period.

An internal review of the provision calculation was undertaken as part of the 24/25 audit and the cashflow assumptions updated to match the conditions on site. The inflation rate was decreased inline with the RBA projections and the interest rates revised to match future predicted Commonwealth bond rates. The revised rates and updated cashflow projections in the provision has significantly reduced the Member Council's future liability.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The Risk Management Plan continued to be the measure of how the site was managed during the year.
- The board has noted that the HLA will need to provide carbon emission data to Member Councils to conform to the new accounting standards for carbon to be introduced in 26/27 financial year.
- Dean Newberry's 5 year term as the Authority's Auditor has ended with this year's audit



Landfill gas remote boundary monitoring bore

CLOSURE & POST-CLOSURE MANAGEMENT

The site is maintained with annual spraying for noxious weeds and regular grass cutting and maintenance in accordance with the landfill closure plan. The Leachate pond is designed to collect leachate from the landfill gas collection infrastructure of pipes and wells in the winter months. This leachate then evaporates during the summer months.

The newly installed 300m³ chimney is extending the life of the flare. HLA is achieving better utilization in flaring landfill gas on the site. The EPA has access to monthly reports on landfill gas extraction and monitoring. These reports show compliance with the risk profile for the site.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2025

Income Statement as at 30 June 2025

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	\$	\$		\$	\$
<u>INCOME</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Interest Received	321	285	Cash & Cash Equivalents	9,000	38,354
Sundry Income	20,166	18,730	Trade & Other Receivables	31,259	23,191
Highbury Landfill Provision	474,187	-			
TOTAL INCOME	494,187	19,015	Total Current Assets	40,259	61,545
<u>EXPENSES</u>			<u>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Movement in the Provision	-	93,329	Infrastructure, Property, Plant	95,433	183,179
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	86,951	40,654			
Finance Costs-Unwinding of Provision	104,710	100,250	Total Non-Current Assets	95,433	183,179
Auditor's Remuneration	3,466	3,465	<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		244,724
TOTAL EXPENSES	195,127	241,151			
			<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
OPERATING SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	296,607	(222,136)	Trade and Other Payables	14,940	80,704
			Borrowings	30,802	29,677
			Provisions	238,691	278,391
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	296,607	(222,136)	Total Current Liabilities	284,433	388,772
			<u>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
			Borrowings	15,836	46,638
			Provisions	1,670,257	2,210,755
			Total Non-Current Liabilities	1,686,093	2,257,393
			TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,970,526	2,646,165
			NET ASSETS	(1,834,834)	(2,401,441)
			<u>EQUITY</u>		
			Accumulated Deficit	(1,834,834)	(2,401,441)
			TOTAL EQUITY	(1,834,834)	(2,401,441)



Leachate Pond Highbury Landfill

AERIAL MAP OF LANDFILL GAS MONITORING LOCATIONS FOR THE HIGHBURY LANDFILL TO MONITOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SITE.

LANDFILL GAS MANAGEMENT AT HIGHBURY

- The plan opposite shows the network of monitoring bores to assist in managing landfill gas on the site.
- Boundary gas extraction bores have been established on the southern and eastern boundaries of the site.
- Landfill gas monitoring bores were monitored monthly during the year
- Ennovo extract landfill gas from approximately 80 extraction bores located over the site and flare the landfill gas to reduce the carbon footprint.
- The landfill gas quality and quantity is declining; however, the modified flare is performing well.
- The ongoing flaring of the landfill gas ensures that the gas is controlled from the site to comply with the risk management plan.
- The Landfill gas extraction infrastructure will need to be maintained and an allowance for this work has been included in the cashflow projections going forward.

